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Sir:

Applicants note that due to the failure of the Patent Office to enter the Submission of Revocation and Appointment of Attorneys that was filed February 21, 2003, in this application, the Final Office Action (dated October 24, 2003) was initially sent by the Patent Office to the previous counsel handling prosecution of this application.

The U.S. PTO has now entered the Submission, and as shown on the revised Office Action sent December 10, 2003, the U.S. PTO has restarted the time period for reply to the Office Action. Accordingly, a response to the Office Action is now due on or before March 10, 2004. As this Response is being submitted on March 10, 2004, it is timely filed.

In response to the Office Action dated December 10, 2003, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.